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ELECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated February 23, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 23, 2005, Applicant hereby elects the species of Figures 1-5, 6A, 6B, 7A and 7B. Claims 1-9 are readable on the elected species.

This election is made without traverse and an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

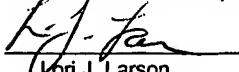
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